

Amendment and Response

Applicant: Daniel Kehrer et al.

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Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 10, 2008. Claims 2-8, 10, 12-17, and 20-23 were rejected. Claims 9, 11, 18, and 19 have been objected to. With this Response, claims 2, 6, 12, 15, 16, and 19 have been amended, claims 9, 18, and 20-23 have been cancelled, and claims 24 and 25 have been added. Claims 2-8, 10-17, 19, 24, and 25 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 20-23 because of informalities.

Claims 20-23 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 2-5, 7, 8, 12-14, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vajdic et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,791,326 ("Vajdic"). The Examiner rejected claims 2-8, 10, 12-17, and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Miller, WO 00/51012.

Independent claims 2 and 12 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter from claim 9. Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from claim 18. Claims 20-23 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the above rejections of independent claims 2, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 3-8, 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17 further define patentably distinct independent claim 2, 12, or 15. Accordingly, Applicants believe that these dependent claims are also allowable over the cited references. Allowance of claims 2-8, 10, and 12-17 is respectfully requested.

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Added Claims

Claims 24 and 25 have been added. Dependent claims 24 and 25 further define patentably distinct independent 2 or 15. Accordingly, Applicants believe that these dependent claims are also allowable over the cited references. Allowance of claims 24 and 25 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 9, 11, 18, and 19 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As discussed above, the allowable subject matter of claim 9 has been incorporated into independent claims 2 and 12, and claim 9 has been cancelled. The allowable subject matter of claim 18 has been incorporated into independent claim 15, and claim 18 has been cancelled. Dependent claims 11 and 19 further define patentably distinct independent claim 2 or 15. Accordingly, Applicants believe that these dependent claims are also allowable over the cited references. Allowance of claims 11 and 19 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 2-8, 10-17, 19, 24, and 25 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 2-8, 10-17, 19, 24, and 25 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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